

*Rep. McCollum:* “Today Governor Pawlenty killed the Central Corridor light rail project with his veto pen. With this veto the Governor passes the state’s responsibility for funding transit on to the backs of local property tax payers while he makes more than \$160 million in requests for federal earmarks from Washington.

“This veto intentionally cuts the legs out under East Metro business leaders, political leaders, and citizens who have united behind building a transit system to connect communities and spur economic growth. The future of transit for the Twin Cities will be stalled until we have new occupants in both the White House and the Governor’s office.”

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